

## TROUBLES GALORE ABOUT BILTMORE

Vanderbilt's Estate Scene  
of New Dissensions.

### CHOIR MEMBERS MUST WALK

Millionaire Cutting Down Expenses of  
His Great Country Place in  
North Carolina.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 21.—George W. Vanderbilt has notified the members of his All Souls' choir at Biltmore that hereafter he would discontinue the carriage service for the choir.

This means that the members of the choir will have to get to Biltmore church the best way that they can. This custom has been in vogue ever since Mr. Vanderbilt erected his famous Biltmore. The carriages seated ten, and it generally took about four carriages. There are about forty members of the All Souls' choir, nearly all of whom live in Asheville and many of whom have long distances to walk to the car line.

#### A Fashionable Choir.

To Dr. Rodney Rush Snow, rector of All Souls', fell the disagreeable task of telling the members of the choir of Mr. Vanderbilt's decision.

The choir is made up for the most part of well-known young society women of Asheville, and the affair has been deeply resented. Mr. Vanderbilt's choirmaster, F. Flaxington Barker, whom Mr. Vanderbilt has accused of smuggling in several years ago for services, and which were a great controversy in the musical world at the time, has left All Souls'. Mr. Vanderbilt has been cutting down expenses everywhere. A large number of departments of the Biltmore estate have recently been abolished, others have been merged into one. Mr. Vanderbilt has lately been taking charge of affairs himself, since his manager, Charles McNamee, resigned several months ago. Mr. McNamee had always been the manager of the Biltmore estate.

It seems that Mr. Vanderbilt in one sense has been playing in hard luck lately. He has met many of his staff through resignations. In the list were McNamee, general manager; Reuben Gentry, manager of the farms; F. Flaxington Barker, choirmaster, and also all of the teachers and the principal of the parish school.

#### Broke Up School.

The latter's wholesale defection caused by trouble between the teachers and Dr. Snow, who had charge during Mr. Vanderbilt's absence, broke up the school.

As a sort of cap sheaf Mr. Vanderbilt came very near losing his magnificent private car, Swannanoa, by fire. As it was, it was badly damaged. The Swannanoa is one of the very handsomest private cars in the world. Among other of Mr. Vanderbilt's troubles were about twenty law suits which have come up for trial. Most of these are damage suits. Several are for \$25,000 each for loss of life of former employees. One is for \$10,000 for damages incurred by former managers who have skipped out, and a number of these suits will amount to something like \$100,000.

Mr. Vanderbilt had a number of these suits taken to the United States court, claiming that he could not get a fair trial in Asheville. His application for the removal of suits was granted by United States Circuit Judge Jeter C. Pritchard. Some of these cases are to come up at the next term of court.

### THANKSGIVING WEEK AT CENTER MARKET

Prudent housekeepers will make their purchases early; so doing will insure prompt service by the dealer and allow him and his employees also to have a timely Thanksgiving dinner at their homes.

Center Market continues to be at the head of the world's best municipal markets. Nowhere else on the face of the earth has any city such a conveniently located and so abundantly supplied market, with such facilities of access as this great Center Market. Every line system of the city passes on two sides of the market reservation, and as a result only one car fare is needed to bring one from any part of the District. The ever-increasing patronage of Center Market proves its popularity. Every possible moment of convenience for the benefit of the patron, as well as for the patrons, is here thoughtfully supplied. The stands of all the large dealers are to be reached by telephone, and these large dealers have special facilities for prompt deliveries of all purchases. The comfortable ladies' waiting-room in the center of the market, with its telephones and other waiting-room facilities, continues to grow in favor.

### HUNGARIAN PREMIER PELTED WITH SNOWBALLS

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Nov. 21.—As Premier Hiza was leaving a meeting of his political supporters, he encountered a hostile demonstration. He was greeted with shouts of "Rascals!" and was pelted with snowballs.

The police dispersed the crowd by a discharge of blank cartridges. Forty arrests were made.

#### HYATTSVILLE NOTES.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., Nov. 21.—The Presbyterian church of Hyattsville began the celebration of its 200th anniversary at the morning service yesterday. The pastor, the Rev. S. Ward Righter, preached the anniversary sermon. In the evening there was a union meeting with the Rev. Dr. A. M. Cackley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, presiding. Addresses were made by the pastors of the Baptist, Episcopal, and Methodist churches.

This church dates its beginning from the day on which Col. Michael Beall, who made a great reputation as an Indian fighter, deeded it a handsome property November 20, 1704. Three days later the deed was placed on record in Marlboro, and it was decided to make the celebration conform to these two dates. The committee in charge of arrangements are K. J. Willsie, George S. Britt, Harry W. Shepherd, Mrs. C. L. Beach, Mrs. C. P. Shettle, Mrs. W. S. Holston, Mrs. F. A. Vogts, and the pastor, Mr. Righter has been pastor since February, 1898, and the church has greatly prospered under his care.

The proposed amount of stock for the Hyattsville National Bank—\$24,000—has been all been taken.

A delegation of the local Knights of Columbus attended the dedicatory services of St. Patrick's parochial buildings yesterday afternoon.

## Mystery of Headless Corpse Is Still Growing

Supposed Collector Slain and Decapitated  
by Murderers Near Shamokin, Pa.  
Clothing Contains No Clue.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Nov. 21.—Although the head of the man whose body was found near Hickory Ridge was not found until this morning, a coat, necktie, piece of stocking, garter and two new gloves, all supposed to have been torn away from the dead man, were discovered several hundred yards from the body.

There were no letters in the coat, and the name of the manufacturer of the apparel was missing.

The victim, who it is generally believed was a collector for an installment firm, was about five feet eight inches tall. His small hands bore no sign of manual labor.

There is one bullet wound in each side of his breast; two were in the back—one under the left arm and another in the calf of the right leg—and several knife wounds on the body.

The knuckles of the right hand are lacerated and bruised, indicating that the man had offered resistance to his assailants.

He evidently was murdered just after pay day Friday. After every pay day the region is overrun by collectors for

installment agencies who do a big business with coal miners.

Some of the collectors take in a thousand dollars or more in a day's work. The authorities think the man, with a large sum, was walking from one of the mining hamlets to either this place or Mount Carmel when he was held up, murdered and robbed.

They must have cut off his head on the spot where they killed him, for a pool of blood on the roadside attracted the attention of Frank Ramsey, Patrick Floyd, and Frank Robinson, boys on a rabbit hunt.

The blood marks led into the bushes 100 feet distant, where, half hidden by brush and leaves, lay the naked body.

The boys ran to Hickory Ridge and notified colliery officials, who summoned Corner Dreher. He found that if there were any birthmarks by which the body could be identified they had been decapitated, and even if the head is found it is expected that, too, will be mutilated beyond recognition. There is a likelihood of the head having been cut down one of a number of ale holes surrounding the scene of the crime.

John O. Biersky, pumpman at Hickory Ridge colliery, says he heard five pistol shots on the public road near the scene of the murder late Friday night, but paid no attention, as it is a common occurrence for the miners to discharge firearms.

### HIMSELF NEAR DEATH

#### SERGEANT SAVES SCOUT

Bleeding From Fatal Wound, Arthur  
Menicke Twisted Tourniquet on  
Leg of Man Lying Next to Him.

A letter from Brig. Gen. W. H. Carter, commanding the Division of the Visayas, P. I., to Surgeon General O'Reilly tells in official, but effective language a story of simple courage. The letter says: "My Dear General: It is always a gratification to a man's family to know that when the end came, he met it bravely. A case recently occurred in this department which should be made known.

"Sergeant Arthur Menicke, hospital corps, was duty with the Fourteenth Infantry, and no surgeon being available at the moment he was sent with a company of scouts after Rulohaus, in Samar.

"About twenty-five miles from the post (Camp Connell) they ran into an ambush and although taken at great disadvantage, the young officer handled his men well and killed fifteen of the enemy. In the hand-to-hand fight, Sergeant Menicke was pierced through the side with a bolo.

"While a first aid dressing was being applied to his wounds in hopes of saving him, the sergeant's eye fell on a wounded scout lying next to him in the narrow trail, and noticing that the tourniquet on the scout's leg was loose, this sergeant had the 'sand' to reach out with his free hand and tighten the bandage on the scout. As the sergeant must have known that he (himself) was bleeding to death, it was an exhibition of nerve and heroism known to his people. Cordially yours,

"WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
"Brigadier-General, U. S. Army."

### BOOKER T. GIVES CHECK TO GORDON MONUMENT

President of Tuskegee Shows Broad  
Spirit Contributing to Confederate Memorial.

### RACE WAR IMMINENT IN IOWA COAL MINES

FRASER, Iowa, Nov. 21.—A race war is regarded as imminent here, Thomas Albright, a white miner, having been shot Saturday night and mortally wounded by James Price, a negro.

A white miners' meeting was held last evening, and a vote was passed to refuse to work longer with the negroes. There are from thirty-five to fifty negroes in the mining camp, and 1,200 whites.

Both sides are heavily armed.

### RHEUMATISM JOINTS AND MUSCLES SWOLLEN AND STIFF

A disease so painful and far-reaching in its effects upon the human system as Rheumatism must have a deep and well-laid foundation. It originates and develops in the blood, and like other diseases of the blood, is frequently inherited. The poisonous acids with which the blood is charged circulate through the system, breaking down the health, irritating the nerves, settling in joints and muscles, and causing the sharp, cutting pains, peculiar to Rheumatism.

Unless the blood is purified, joints and muscles become coated with the acid matter and are rendered stiff and sore, and the nerves are completely wrecked. Rheumatism being a constitutional blood disease, requires internal treatment.

Liniments, plasters and such things as are applied outwardly, give only temporary relief. S. S. S. is the greatest of all blood purifiers and tonics, and in no disease does it act so promptly and beneficially as Rheumatism, neutralizing the acids and restoring the blood to a pure, healthy condition and invigorating and toning up the nerves and all parts of the system. It is guaranteed strictly vegetable, containing no potash or other harmful drugs. Write us should you desire medical advice or other information, which will cost you nothing. **THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.**

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### MISSION CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS OF LIFE

Elaborate Program of Speaking and  
Music of the People's Institution  
Held at Metropolitan Church.

Five years in the field of philanthropic work, the People's Mission celebrated the fifth anniversary of its existence with interesting exercises at the Metropolitan M. E. Church yesterday.

The ceremonies were witnessed by a large assemblage of persons interested in the work, the society, and long before the exercises began every available place in the church was filled.

The anniversary address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. E. D. Bailey, formerly of Washington, but now pastor of the First Reform Church, of Brooklyn.

In the course of his remarks he said that while the American people have awakened to their unlimited resources of every kind, they have also come to recognize that where God gives any people such power they are held responsible by Him.

There were solos by Mrs. Thomas C. Noyes and a duet by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Kimball. Mr. Michael, brief addresser, was composed of Mrs. F. M. Bristol, Evangelist W. C. McMichael, B. H. Warner, Thomas H. McKee, the Rev. Mr. Michael, and the music was under the direction of George W. Havell, of the mission, and the program was concluded with a selection by a quartet composed of Mrs. Havell, M. S. Seaman, James McCurdy, and W. C. Michael.

Thomas C. Noyes, chairman of the board of trustees of the mission, presided.

### ACTOR'S FORTUNE SEEKS HEIR IN SCOTLAND

Seven Claimants to a \$350,000 Legacy  
Left by Him Several Years  
Ago.

EDINBURGH, Nov. 21.—There are seven claimants in Scotland to a fortune of more than £70,000, which was left by an actor who died some years ago in Chelsea.

He went on the stage as a lad against the wishes of his family, by whom he was lost sight of. He found his way to America, where he made his money, and then returned to England to die.

Several advertisements were inserted to discover his next-of-kin, but it was only recently that they attracted the attention of the persons who are believed to be the relatives of the dead actor.

### YOUNG CROKER STEERS AUTOMOBILE AT COP

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 21.—Frank Croker, son of the former Tammany boss, leaving this place in his racing automobile, tore through the crowded streets at a terrific rate, steering the machine at a policeman who tried to stop him.

He was going to Jenkintown, Pa., and said he would return here, but did not.

Columbus, Ohio, May 30, 1903.

I had a severe attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism. I was laid up in bed for six months, and the doctors I had did me no good. They gave me medicine every week, and nothing they prescribed seemed to help me. Finally I left off their medicine and began the use of S. S. S. My knee and elbow joints were so swollen and painful that I could not close them when opened. I was getting discouraged when I began S. S. S., but as I saw it was helping me, continued, and to-day am a sound, well man.

1866 Mt. Vernon Ave. R. H. CHAPMAN.

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## AMERICA SELLS BOTH SUBMARINES

Russia and Japan Buying  
Under-Sea Fighters.

### ALREADY IN COMMISSION

Protector, Shipped From New York,  
Now With the Baltic Fleet.  
American Crews.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Nov. 21.—The Lake submarine torpedo boat, Protector, which left this country on June 10 last, after being secretly hoisted aboard the Norwegian steamer Fortuna at night in lower New York Bay and then taken to Europe, has been placed in commission by the Russian Government.

The Protector, it is learned, was not sold directly to the Russian navy. She was disposed of to a French concern and then transferred to the Czar's navy. It will be recalled that when Simon Lake, president of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, recently returned from Europe, he said he had been in Paris. The Protector was shipped by across the Atlantic to be purchased by the Russians, subject to their approval.

By those who have been in touch with the situation, so far as the dickering of the Russian and the Japanese governments with the shipbuilding firms in this country is concerned, the exact whereabouts of the Protector is not known at the present time, but it is not a bad guess that she will turn up with the Baltic fleet when that squadron arrives in Japanese waters.

Other Vessels.

Six more boats of the "Protector" type are now under way here for the Russian government.

The torpedo boat Fulton built at the Crescent yards here, which also mysteriously disappeared from American waters and which is the product of the Holland Submarine Torpedo Boat Company, is now in the Gulf of Finland, near Cronstadt. Up to a few weeks ago the Fulton was in dry dock at Cronstadt, but late advice from St. Petersburg indicates that she has been accepted by the Russian government.

When the Holland goes out ready for battle she will be in charge of an American engineer.

The Japanese will have five submarine boats in commission in a short time. These boats were shipped from a Massachusetts shipyard a month or more ago. All are of the Holland type.

Americans Engaged.

American shipbuilders will watch the career of the submarine boat in actual warfare with interest. It is well known among them that both Russia and Japan are straining every nerve to get this class of seafighter into active service first.

The Holland boat Fulton secretly left this country on June 24 last. She was towed out of New Suffolk, where she was built, by a tug and placed aboard a transport, formerly the property of the United States Government in Sag Harbor. On board the transport were Peter V. Rehli, of Elizabeth, N. J., chief engineer for the Holland Company, and Charles Berg, a trusted employee of the company. The Fulton was hoisted aboard at night.

The crew of the Holland Company boat went to Russia by a separate route. Rehli is now in charge of the work for the Holland Company in Cronstadt, and will remain there for an indefinite period. His wife and family who reside in Elizabeth, N. J., will sail next month to join him.

Several other practical American shipbuilders have gone to Russia and Japan on missions connected with submarines.

## COUNT TO WED RICH HEIRESS

Grandneph. w of Late Pope  
Fortunate Suitor.

### PITTSBURG GIRL FIANCEE

Miss Elizabeth Howe His Choice—Now  
Compounding the Debts of  
the Nobleman.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 21.—The coming wedding of the Count Gini, of Rome, Italy, grandnephew of the late Pope Leo, to Miss Elizabeth Howe, of Pittsburgh, has been announced again.

It will take place in London in the spring.

The wedding was announced some time ago, but for some reason not then explained was called off, or it was so understood.

It is now a surety, and social Pittsburgh is at present discussing the statement that demands made by the count have been met by Miss Howe, who has agreed to pay all the count's debts, providing that they do not prove more than \$50,000 and guarantee him \$100,000 for life.

Until this was done the count did not become enthusiastic over the wedding arrangements. After the wedding had been first announced, the count demanded that \$70,000 be given him in hand to settle outstanding obligations, and \$15,000 annually for life.

He was refused and went to Canada, from where he sent revised bill, making it \$50,000 cash and \$10,000 a year for life.

This, it is said, has been accepted.

Miss Howe, who is forty years old, is much the senior of the count.

### GREER AND WIFE WOULD NOT SPEAK

Lieutenant and Spouse Lik  
Strangers.

Domestic Tragedy Enacted on Transport  
Thomas Coming Home From  
the Philippines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Army people are still gossiping about the separation of Lieut. Allen J. Greer and his wife and are wondering whether a divorce will follow.

Lieutenant Greer is now on his way to his new post at Fort Snelling, and his wife has left for the home of her parents in Texas. Before departing both the lieutenant and his wife refused to state what further steps would be taken by them. They merely stated that they had decided to separate.

The disagreement between Lieutenant Greer and his wife became apparent to their fellow-passengers on the transport Thomas when the vessel was only a few days out from Manila. The couple sat at table together, but never a word passed between them.

During the entire voyage the lieutenant and his wife did not speak to each other. Young Lieut. U. S. Grant appeared to be on friendly terms with both Lieutenant Greer and his wife, and spent much of his time in the company of one or the other.

## THE PALAIS ROYAL OPENING

The Twenty-seventh Annual Holiday Opening. This year nearly 1,000,000 articles suitable for Christmas presents are exhibited. The grandest display Washington has known.

## The Souvenirs

Practical Souvenirs—Complimentary Prices

Note that in every department you will find a printed list giving the name of the article, its marked price, and the souvenir price. Ask any of the attendants for this comprehensive shopping guide. Below is the list of articles that include Thanksgiving Day Table and Kitchen needs.

### Basement

A \$10,000 Collection

Cut class at 10 per cent discount, one-tenth off marked prices.

\$29 Haviland China Dinner Sets, 100 pieces..... \$21.50  
\$12.75 Warwick China Dinner Sets, 100 pieces..... \$9.95  
\$10 Game Sets, Doulton China; 20-in. h. dish and 12 large plates..... \$7.95  
\$3.50 Fish Set, Carlsbad China; 12-in. dish and twelve plates..... \$2.98  
\$5 Turkey Dishes, 10-in. h. handily decorated..... 59c  
\$5 Carving Set, Carver and Fork; best quality steel, with stag handle..... 69c

### Art Wares

A \$5,000 Collection

Ten per cent discount allowed on \$3.50 to \$15 Art Vases, Figurines, etc.

68c to 75c Art Pieces, suitable for presentation; choice for..... 44c  
\$1.00 to \$2.25 Art Pieces, suitable for presentation; choice for..... 94c  
25c to \$2.50 Art Pieces from Japan, 19c to..... \$1.98

### Table Linens

A \$10,000 Collection

Ten per cent discount on all Hemstitched Damask Sets at \$9 to \$25.

\$6.50 Damask Cloth and dozen Napkins to match..... \$5.00  
\$2.50 double Satin Damask Pattern Cloths..... \$2.79  
\$1.25 a yard Double Satin Damask, 72 inches wide..... \$1.00  
\$1 a yard Double Satin Damask, 72 inches..... 88c  
\$6c a yard Bleached Satin Damask, 70 inches..... 75c  
\$2.50 a dozen Satin Damask Napkins, 20-inches..... \$2.19  
\$1.75 a dozen All-linen Napkins, 20-inches..... \$1.49

### Silverware

A \$9,000 Collection

Specialties are: Oneida Community, Rogers 1847, and Apollo Silverware.

\$5.98 Tea Sets, 4 pieces..... \$4.98  
\$8c Berry Dishes..... 85c  
\$1.45 Mayonnaise Server..... \$1.39  
\$1.98 Baking Dishes, complete..... \$1.88  
\$1.25 Strup Pitcher and Tray..... 95c  
\$2.50 Cream and Sugar Sets..... \$1.88  
\$1.45 Bon Bon Dishes, gold lined..... \$1.22  
\$2c Bread Trays; boat shape..... 92c  
\$5c Candle Sticks; 6-inch size..... 19c  
\$5c Teaspoons, William Rogers; 6 in set..... 44c  
\$2c Dessert Spoons or Forks, set..... 79c  
\$8c Dinner Forks, six in set..... 88c  
\$8c Table Spoons, six in set..... 88c  
\$3c Cream Ladles, in box..... 33c  
\$8c Gravy Ladles, in box..... 45c  
\$1.25 Soup Ladles, in box..... \$1.10

### French Clocks

A \$1,000 Collection

\$12.95 Gilt Clocks; eight day..... \$11.25  
\$2.75 Art Clocks, gilt..... \$3.39  
\$2.98 Clocks; fancy base..... \$2.45  
\$2.50 Cupid Clocks..... \$2.09  
\$1.45 Clocks, gilt..... \$1.33  
\$1.00 Clocks, gilt..... 88c

### Pictures

A \$5,000 Collection

\$5.98 Pastels, by Chandelier, in 18x20 Florentine frames..... \$3.50  
\$4.98 Pastel Pictures in 24x36 oval frames..... \$5.98  
\$2.50 Fruit Pictures, in rich oak frames 30x34 inches..... \$2.98  
\$5.50 Etchings, in heavy oak frames 30x40 inches..... \$2.98  
\$2.35 Water Color Pictures, in 11x25 gilt frames..... \$1.75  
\$1.58 Etching, signed by artist, 24x36-inch frame..... \$1.59

### Music

A \$1,000 Collection

Vocal and instrumental Music usually 25c. for..... 15c

### The Turkey's Need

The Palais Royal Basement floor Housefurnishing Department is completely stocked with cooking utensils, cutlery, glassware, china-ware, etc., etc. Tomorrow's visitors will be lucky. Read below:

## FREE

Basement Floor Souvenir.

Every patron whose purchases amount to one dollar will be presented with a roaster and baker, as illustrated. Tomorrow only.

## The Palais Royal

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## WHEN IN DOUBT BUY OF HOUSE & HERRMANN

## CREDIT FOR EVERYONE

A few of the many special values that are to be found in our Crocker Department. Our superb display of Dinner Sets, etc., is sure to contain something to please you.

100-piece Dinner Set, pretty floral decoration, special price..... \$7.95  
100-piece Dinner Set, handsome gold-lined decoration, pretty shape; only..... \$9.85  
100-piece Dinner Set, English ware, pretty green decoration, neat shape..... \$12.50  
100-piece Dinner Set, Carlsbad ware, elegant decoration, handsomely shaped pieces; very special, at..... \$20.75  
Pretty Toilet Sets, large pieces, choice of several decorations; good value; only..... \$2.35

Oak China Closet, exactly like cut; has bent glass ends, and is nicely finished; a big value for..... \$12.95

Oak Extension Table, exactly like cut; round top, 6-foot size, very good finish; a specially big value for..... \$4.25

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